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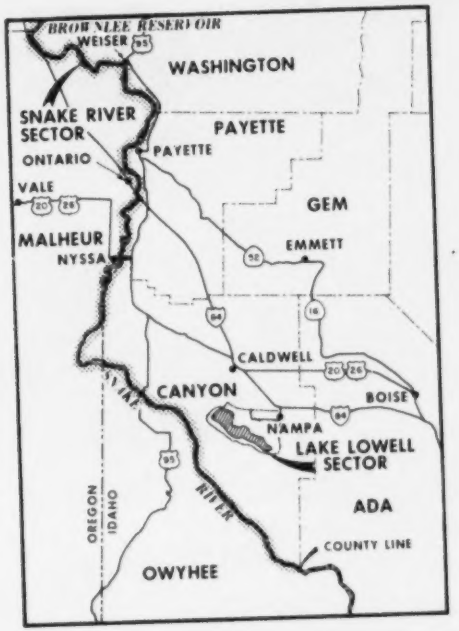
WELCOME

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge consists of two sectors. The Lake Lowell Sector includes Lake Lowell and the adjacent lands as delineated on the map. The Snake River Sector extends from Canyon/Ada County line downstream to Brownlee Reservoir and includes approximately 86 islands. Each island is conspicuously marked with Refuge signs.

The Refuge provides fishing for over 40,000 anglers each year and has provided a resting and feeding area for a peak population of over 700,000 ducks.



HANDICAPPED USERS

The Refuge covers a variety of habitats including rough, uneven terrain, deep waters, dense stands of vegetation, stubble fields and ditches, etc. Access difficulty varies by area and visitors should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the Refuge. Handicapped persons should travel with a partner and consult the Refuge manager for suggestions for visiting the area safely.

Signs Protect Visitors and Resources

Millions of people visit National Wildlife Refuges every year. Millions! The impact of humanity descending upon refuges, if not regulated in part, can degrade these wildlands. Signs grant or restrict certain activities to provide optimum freedom for visitors while also protecting refuge elements from undue human abuse. Please respect the following signs:

This sign delineates the refuge boundary. You may enter the area only on designated access routes.

This area is closed to ALL entry. No hunting, fishing or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.

Used alone or beneath a refuge boundary sign. The area behind this sign may be hunted as permitted by refuge regulations.

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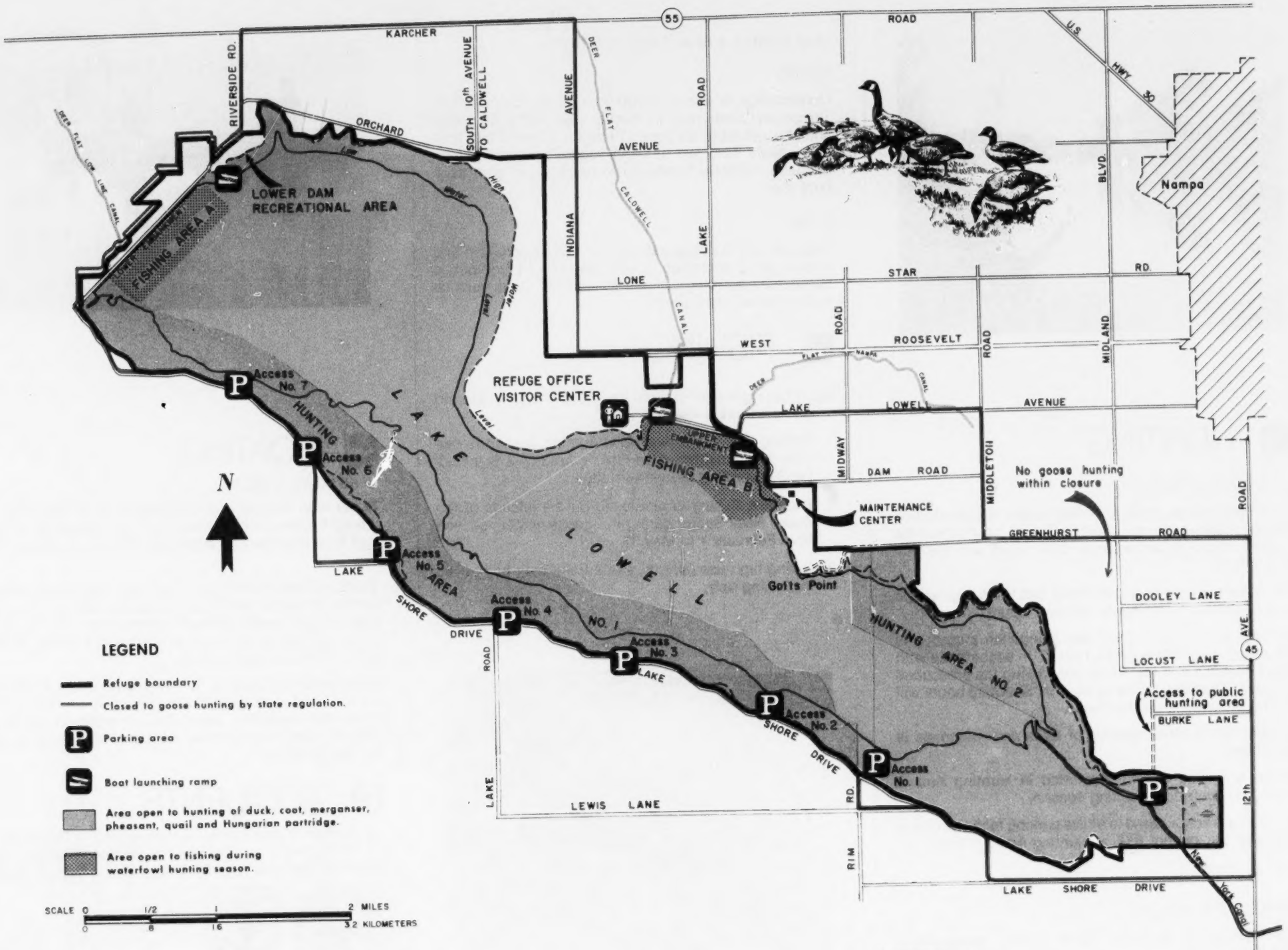

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HUNTING

LAKE LOWELL SECTOR

Hunting of ducks, coots and mergansers is permitted on Refuge Hunting Areas 1 and 2 (including 200 yards of the water's edge), in accordance with State and Federal regulations.

The hunting of geese is prohibited. See State regulations concerning Canyon County Goose Closure.

Hunting of pheasant, quail and Hungarian partridge is permitted on Hunting Areas 1 and 2 in accordance with State seasons and bag limits only during the prescribed migratory waterfowl hunting season. Shooting hours will be the same as those for ducks.

Hunting of all other species of birds and mammals is prohibited.

Boats and rafts are not permitted in Hunting Area 2 during the waterfowl hunting season.

Hunters are encouraged to utilize parking facilities designated by the symbol P in Hunting Areas 1 and 2.

SNAKE RIVER SECTOR

The hunting of migratory birds, upland game birds, rabbits, and deer is permitted on refuge islands in accordance with State and Federal regulations.

LAKE LOWELL & SNAKE RIVER SECTORS

BLINDS

Construction or use of permanent blinds is prohibited. Temporary blinds may be constructed, but such blinds shall be available for general use on a first-come, first-serve basis. Use live or dead vegetation under 3-inch diameter. Portable blinds are to be removed after each hunt day.

DOGS

Dogs reduce crippling losses. The use of retrievers and upland game bird dogs is encouraged in refuge public hunting areas during designated seasons. Dogs must be leashed at all other times.

FISHING

Sport fishing is permitted on the entire refuge year-round with the following exceptions:

1. Fishing during the waterfowl hunting season is permitted only in designated Fishing Areas A & B, including 200 yards of the water's edge.
2. Shoreline fishing is prohibited on the islands of the Snake River Sector during the goose-nesting season from February 1 to May 31.
3. During high use periods, Gotts Point may be bouyed for fishing only.

BOATING

LAKE LOWELL SECTOR

Boats with motors and sailboats may be used during daylight hours only (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) from April 15 through September 30.

Boats without motors may be used year-round except during the waterfowl hunting season. During the waterfowl season boats without motors may only be used within 200 yards of the water's edge in Hunting Area 1 and in Fishing Areas A & B.

Boat launching facilities for trailered boats are located at the east and west ends of the upper dam and one at the lower dam recreation areas. Parking areas on the south side of Lake Lowell provide additional launching access for cartop boats.

ACCIDENTS

All accidents and injuries occurring on the refuge must be immediately reported to the Refuge Headquarters, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, Phone (208) 467-9278.

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